

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1796  
PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 02610-0043



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Shigeo Nakajima et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1796  
Application No.: 10/512,053 ) Examiner: Peter A. Szekely  
Filed: October 21, 2004 )  
For: Asphalt Composition ) Confirmation No.: 8411

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 14, 2007, the period for response having been extended to April 14, 2008 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respond as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** follow beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Attachments** to this Reply include:

Verified English translation of Japanese Application No. 2002-122931; and

Verified English translation of Japanese Application No. 2002-134040.